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1. SUMMARY. CHILEAN FONMIN HUERTA FOUND TLATELOLCO
DECLARATION DEFICIENT IN LITTLE WEIGHT GIVEN TO TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY. HE INTENDS TO INSIST ON SUBJECT AT
WASHINGTON AND ATLANTA NEXT MONTH. END SUMMARY.

2. UPON HIS RETURN FROM TWO-WEEK VACATION, I CALLED ON
ADMIRAL HUERTA EVENING MARCH 12 TO DISCUSS TLATELOLCO MEETING
DRAWING ON REFTELS AND PLANS FOR WASHINGTON AND ATLANTA
MEETINGS. I SAID I THOUGHT MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE CONSTITUTED
AN APPRECIABLE STEP FORWARD AND GAVE PROMISE OF A NEW
BEGINNING; THAT SECRETARY UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM RAISED BY USE
OF WORD "COMMUNITY" AND RECOGNIZED THAT WHAT WE WERE DISCUSSING
WAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN STATES AND
THE US; AND THAT WHILE RECIPROCITY HAD TO EXIST, IT WOULD
NOT ENTAIL A MECHANISTIC BALANCING OF GAINS AND LOSSES ON
EACH SIDE. I CLOSED MY PRESENTATION BY STRESSING THE UTILITY
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ON BOTH SIDES OF GREATLY EXPANDED CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

IN DEALING WITH GLOBAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES.

3. HUERTA DISCLAIMED ABILITY TO MAKE PERSONAL JUDGMENT ON TLATELOLCO DUE UNFAMILIARITY WITH DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE, WHICH HE SAID DIFFERS RADICALLY FROM HIS OWN MORE DIRECT APPROACH. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID HIS LATIN COLLEAGUES JUDGED THAT TLATELOLCO WAS SATISFYING IN TERMS FRANKNESS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ACHIEVED. POL ADVISER ENRIQUE BERNSTEIN, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, AGREED. HUERTA SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY CONFERENCE TO TALK WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY SENATOR MANSFIELD AND REPRESENTATIVE FASCELL.

4. HUERTA CONTINUED THAT TLATELOLCO DECLARATION WAS DEFICIENT IN FAILING GIVE TRUE PICTURE OF WHAT WAS ACTUALLY AGREED, BY DOWN PLAYING SUBJECT OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN FAVOR OF ALMOST EXCLUSIVE ATTENTION TO TRADE MATTERS. HE NOTED SECRETARY HIMSELF HAD EXPRESSED HIS APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION BY CHILE ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH HAD FULL SUPPORT OF LATIN COLLEAGUES. HE WAS DISMAYED TO FIND SUBJECT INADEQUATELY TREATED IN DECLARATION, OBSERVING THAT US DELEGATION MEMBERS DECLARED THEY UNAUTHORIZED TO FILL GAP AFTER DEPARTURE OF SECRETARY, WHEN WORK ON DECLARATION COMPLETED. HE SAID ELABORATION OF LANGUAGE WOULD BE A PRINCIPAL CHILEAN DEMAND AT WASHINGTON AND ATLANTA.

5. HUERTA SAID IN FUTURE MEETINGS CHILE WOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE CUBA AS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION. HE EXPECTED SUCH ATTEMPTS TO BE MADE BY MEXICO AND SOME OTHERS. CHILE WOULD BE SIMILARLY ALERT TO COUNTER ATTEMPTS UNDULY TO MODIFY INTER-AMERICAN STRUCTURE BY WEAKING OAS CHARTER AND RIO TREATY.

6. DURING CONVERSATION IN INFORMED FONMIN OF WASHINGTON MFN APRIL 17-18, PRIOR TO OAS ATLANTA MEETINGJC HUERTA INDICATED HE WOULD ATTEND, BUT DETAILS AS TO COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION AND ARRIVAL DATES NOT YET WORKED OUT. WILL REPORT FURTHER SOONEST.

7. COMMENT. WHILE HUERTA'S FAILURE TO WAX ENTHUSIASTIC
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ABOUT TLATELOLCO RESULTS WAS APPARENT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW PRECISELY HOW MUCH OF HIS SOBRIETY IS DUE TO ANY SERIOUS ANALYSIS OF MEETING RESULTS AND HOW MUCH TO HIS OWN VERY EVIDENT PIQUE OVER SHORT SHIFT GIVEN CHILEAN PRESENTATION ON TECHNOLOGY IN FINAL DECLARATION. I SUSPECT LATTER IS NEARER THE MARK. FACT IS THAT CHILEANS ARE SO PREOCCUPIED WITH PROBLEMS OF CONSOLIDATING THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, AND CHILEAN MILITARY LEADERS SO LITTLE ATTUNED TO TRENDS IN

HEMISPHERIC DIPLOMACY, THAT THEIR INTEREST IN MULTILATERAL INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENTS IS CENTERED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON IMMEDIATE EFFECTS IN THEIR OWN JURISDICTION. I FEEL WE AND OTHERS HAVE REAL JOB AHEAD TO COAX CHILEANS OUT OF THEIR EXTREME SELF-ABSORPTION.

8. WITH RESPECT TO TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, HUERTA OBVIOUSLY UNHAPPY THAT TLATELOLCO DECLARATION MADE NO MENTION OF HIS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH CODE OF CONDUCT AS OUTLINED HIS STATEMENT STATE 45320. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT BE PREPARED TO REFLECT IN FURTHER MFM LANGUAGE THIS SUBJECT THOUGHTS EXPRESSED BY SECRETARY AS QUOTED IN THAT TELEGRAM.
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